



Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/carers,

Second week back and I have already had the pleasure of awarding stickers and certificates for excellent work and great attitudes to learning. We are very pleased with how well the children have settled into the new school year.

It has been great to catch up with lots of you in the morning on the playground. Do come and see one of us if you are unsure of anything.

Moment of Reflection for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

In Telford and Wrekin, the national Moment of Reflection for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be observed on Sunday evening at 8pm. The mayor, Cllr Raj Mehta, will lead a minute's silence. He will be joined in Southwater by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Mrs Jenny Wynn DL, and Council Leader Shaun Davies. Members of public are welcome to attend too, and the event will be live streamed on Telford and Wrekin's Facebook page.

A reminder that school will be closed on **Monday 19th September** as a mark of respect for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

BBC Make a Difference Award

We have been shortlisted in the environmental category in the BBC Make a Difference Awards. The awards are to celebrate people who are going above and beyond and making a difference to where they live. The environmental category celebrates those who help to make where they live more environmentally friendly.

Language of the half term

Did you know that 32 languages are spoken in our school? Each half term we celebrate and learn about a different language and this half term we are celebrating Romanian. The children will learn how to speak words and phrases in Romanian and explore Romanian culture. Kathy our cook will also be introducing the children to some Romanian dishes.

Attendance

The last two of years have been difficult for children as the pandemic has limited attendance for many. We know that there is a clear link between high attendance and good progress in learning. Children need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind.

Attendance is going to be a big focus for us this year. We will be bringing back rewards and incentives to promote good attendance and will be working closely with our Education Welfare Officer, Helen Carolina to track attendance and provide more regular updates. We are aiming for an attendance figure of 96% for all children - this means no more than 8 days off school in the year.

We do understand that it can be tricky at times, and that children may struggle to attend school for a wide range of reasons. Do get in touch if you need support. We want to work with you to put the right support in place so that every child achieves their potential.

Term-time holidays

The Government has renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term time. We support this and children will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Any leave of absence must be applied for **before** your child will be absent.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Osborne
Headteacher